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LETTER DATED 10 MARCH 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, CONTAINING A FURTHER APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

I have the honour to write to you about the critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Even though the United Nations share is less than a third of the total cost of UNFICYP, receipts continue to fall short of the Organization's share of expenditures. I have repeatedly expressed my concern about this situation, which is a major preoccupation for the Governments of the troop-contributing countries also. It is most unfair that these countries should have to absorb such a disproportionate share of the cost of UNFICYP.

As of the end of mid-February 1992, the accumulated shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account for the mandate period ending 15 June 1992 is estimated at $196 million. As regards the current period, only $2.4 million has so far been pledged or received against projected expenditure estimated at some $15.4 million (see annex for details of the current financial situation). As a result, the United Nations has been able to meet the claims of troop-contributing countries only up to mid-June 1981. It is clear that this highly unsatisfactory situation must not be allowed to continue.

The vital peace-keeping role of UNFICYP has been unanimously stressed by the Security Council time and again and its mandate has been repeatedly extended by the Council. The Force continues to make an indispensable contribution to maintaining calm on the island, a condition which is clearly necessary for my ongoing efforts to negotiate a political settlement.

Given the necessary role played by UNFICYP and the precarious financial situation in which it finds itself, I should be most grateful if you would convey to your Government my urgent appeal for a voluntary financial contribution. It is my hope that your Government will find it possible to respond generously so as to enable this important peace-keeping operation of the United Nations to continue.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

Annex

Financing and financial position of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

1. In accordance with Security Council resolution 186 (1964) on the establishment of UNFICYP, the costs of the Force are being met by the Governments providing the contingents and by voluntary contributions received for this purpose by the United Nations. In addition, the Government of Cyprus provides, at no cost to the United Nations, areas for the headquarters, camps and other premises of UNFICYP.

2. Under existing arrangements, the troop-contributing Governments make available to the United Nations troops whose regular pay and allowances and normal matériel expenses they have agreed to pay themselves. In addition, these Governments have agreed to finance at their own expense, as a further contribution to the United Nations operation in Cyprus, certain extra and extraordinary costs that they incur in respect of UNFICYP. Both these cost elements currently amount to some $32.8 million for each six-month period. They represent some 68 per cent of the total cost of maintaining UNFICYP.

3. The United Nations is responsible for financing entirely through voluntary contributions received from Governments (a) the operational expenditures (i.e., administrative and logistic support) incurred by UNFICYP; and (b) certain extra and extraordinary costs incurred by the troop-contributing Governments for which they seek reimbursement. These expenditures are currently in the order of some $15.4 million for the six-month period ending 15 June 1992.

4. Since 1964, 78 countries have provided voluntary financial support to UNFICYP totalling approximately $464 million. However, the contributions received for each extension period have consistently fallen short of the amount required to meet the direct costs of the Force for which the United Nations is responsible. As a result, the shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account as at 15 February 1992 for the six-month period ending 15 June 1992 is estimated at $196 million. The status of contributions received for the last four mandate periods is shown in the following table.

STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNFICYP SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE LATEST FOUR MANDATE PERIODS AS AT 15 FEBRUARY 1992

(In United States dollars equivalent)

Country	57th 16/12/89 15/06/90	58th 16/06/90 15/12/90	59th 16/12/90 15/06/91	60th 16/06/91 15/12/91
Australia a/	50 000	50 000	-	-
Austria a/, b/	125 000	125 000	-	-
Bahamas	500	-	-	-
Barbados	500	500	-	-
Belgium	156 566	156 567	-	-
Brunei Darussalam	-	1 500	1 500	-
Canada a/	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	400 000	400 000	500 000	500 000
Denmark a/, b/	125 608	127 016	127 016	-
Finland a/	-	-	-	-
France	84 034	84 033	-	-
Germany	822 589	822 589	856 360	856 360
Greece	400 000	400 000	400 000	400 000
Iceland	4 394	4 394	-	-
Ireland a/	-	-	-	-
Italy	200 000	200 000	200 000	-
Jamaica	250	250	250	-
Japan	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000
Jordan	1 000	1 000	-	-
Liechtenstein	-	-	500	500
Luxembourg	4 900	4 900	-	-
Malaysia	2 500	2 500	-	-
Malta	500	500	500	500
Norway	305 000	304 995	305 008	305 007
Pakistan	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500
Philippines	96	96	211	-
Spain	84 033	84 034	86 996	86 997
Sweden a/, b/	-	-	-	-

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Country	57th 16/12/89 15/06/90	58th 16/06/90 15/12/90	59th 16/12/90 15/06/91	60th 16/06/91 15/12/91
Switzerland	1 064 842	1 064 842	1 063 830	1 063 830
Thailand	500	500	500	500
Togo	996	996	-	-
United Kingdom a/, b/	1 371 264	1 337 137	1 422 418	1 433 978
United States	4 337 300	4 500 000	4 336 000	-
Venezuela	2 500	2 500	2 491	2 491
Yugoslavia	10 000	10 000	-	-
Zaire	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Total	9 757 372	9 888 349	9 506 080	4 852 663

a/ Governments contributing contingents to UNFICYP.

b/ Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against amounts due to the Government.